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1. AT LUNCHEON OCTOBER 21, CHAMBER PRESIDUM MEMBER OGANESYAN RAISED TOAST TO SUCCESS OF BICENTENNIAL EXHIBIT, UNDERSCORING HIS IMPRESSION THAT "THIS EXHIBIT IS A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT AND MUCH MORE IMPORTANT THING THAN YOUR OTHER EXHIBITS." ADDRESSING OTHER SOVIETS AT TABLE, HE NOTED THAT IN THIS BICENTENNIAL YEAR, USIA IS ORGANIZING ONLY ONE SPECIAL EXHIBIT ABROAD ENTIRELY DEVOTED TO AMERICA'S 200TH BIRTHDAY AND THAT IT WAS GREAT HONOR FOR THE SOVIET UNION THAT THIS EXHIBIT WAS IN MOSCOW. OGANESYAN AND CHAMBER DEPUTY CHAIRMAN PITOVVRANOV EXPRESSED THEIR PLEASURE AT KNOWLEDGE, HOWEVER UNOFFICIAL, THAT DIRECTOR KEOGH WAS COMING TO OPEN EXHIBIT. THEY GRACIOUSLY ATTRIBUTED LACK SO FAR OF OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION TO HECTIC NATURE OF PRE-ELECTION PERIOD.

2. AT BUSINESS SESSION EARLIER SAME DAY, KUZMENKO AGAIN UNDERSCORED CHAMBER'S HOPE THAT DIRECTOR WOULD BE PER-

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SONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF PRESIDENT. "WITH SOMETHING ON

THIS SCALE, IT JUST HAS TO BE," HE SAID.

3. AT RISK OF APPEARING OVER-INSISTENT, EMBASSY WISHES
STRESS THAT IT IMPERATIVE WE RECEIVE DEFINITIVE NOTI-
FICATION OF KEOGH STATUS BY OCTOBER 25 IN ORDER TO GIVE
CHAMBER OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION. ALSO INVITATIONS TO
OPENING AND RECEPTION MUST BE PRINTED WELL BEFORE
NOVEMBER 6-8 HOLIDAY PERIOD.
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